FREE GIFT FREE GIFT

FULL of FUN

82/98 3rd March 1998

Buster

FORTNIGHTLY

£1·10

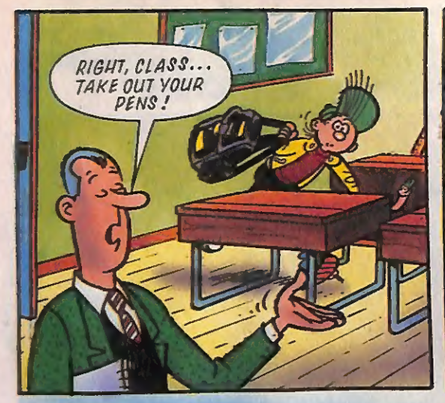
FUNTASTIC FREE FLYER

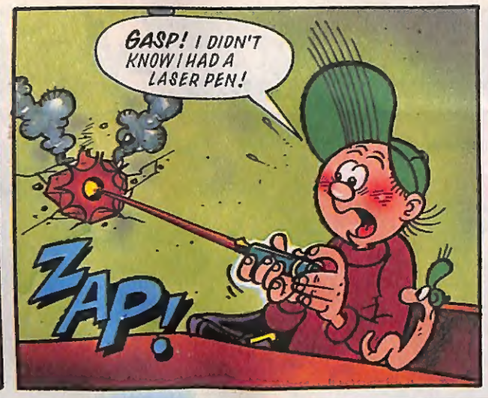
Give it a throw an' watch it go!

82
9 770262 396098

CE If your gift is missing, then tell your newsagent.

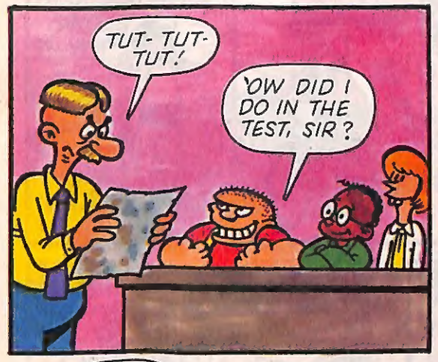
Gift not available to readers overseas.

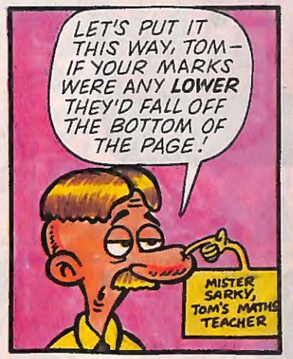


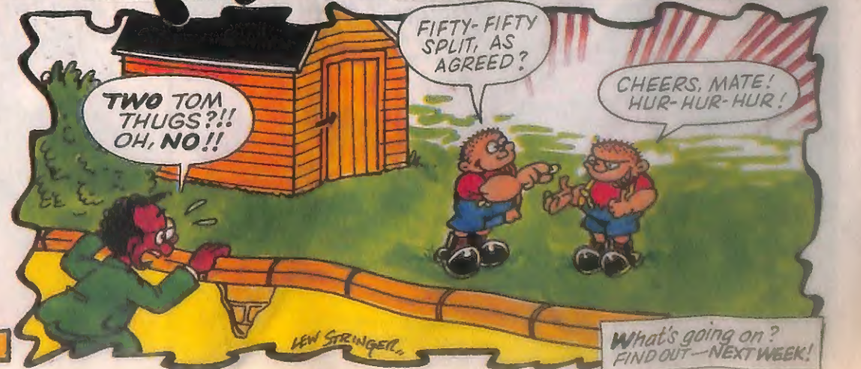


Tom Thug's SKOOLdayz

2+ 2 = 5



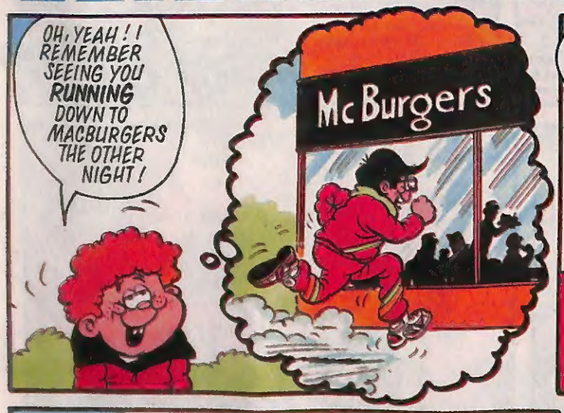




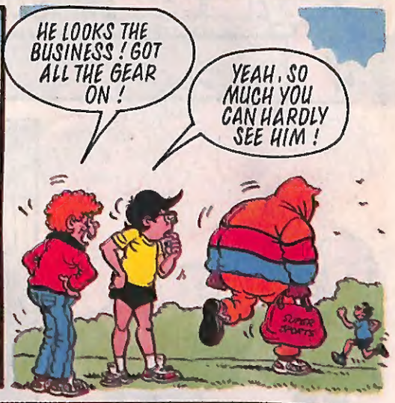
What's going on? FIND OUT—NEXT WEEK!

X-RAY
SPECS

WHAT'S ALL THIS, RAY? YOU IN THE CROSS-COUNTRY?
WHY NOT? I'VE BEEN IN TRAINING!
JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY
START & FINISH LINE


OH, YEAH! I REMEMBER SEEING YOU RUNNING DOWN TO MACBURGERS THE OTHER NIGHT!
McBurgers

WELL, THERE'S YOUR MAIN MAN OPPOSITION, I RECKON!


HE LOOKS THE BUSINESS! GOT ALL THE GEAR ON!
YEAH, SO MUCH YOU CAN HARDLY SEE HIM!

HE'S GOT A TRACK-SUIT UNDER HIS FLASH SHELL SUIT...
SUPER SPORTS

...AND A T-SHIRT AND RUNNING SHORTS UNDER HIS TRACK-SUIT...
AIR SPORTS

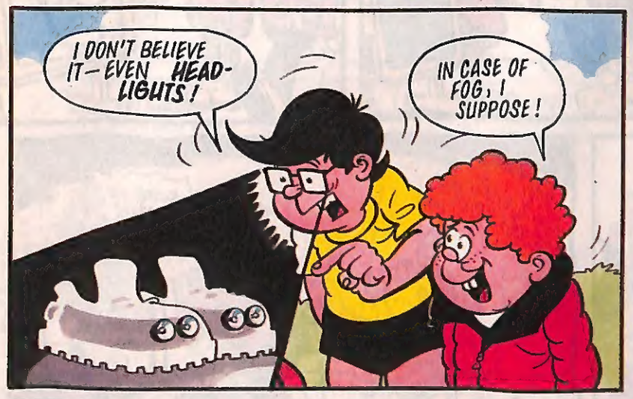
...AND A LEOTARD UNDER THAT! CRUMBS! IT'LL TAKE ME ALL DAY TO X-RAY THE BIG POSER!

I MIGHT HAVE GUESSED... TWO PAIRS OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE TRAINERS AROUND!

CRUMBS! HIS RUNNING SHOES HAVE GOT EVERYTHING!..

...INCLUDING A FITTED COMPASS AND A MILE-OMETER!

SOME TREAD... AND A REFLECTOR!


I DON'T BELIEVE IT—EVEN HEAD-LIGHTS!
IN CASE OF FOG, I SUPPOSE!

AN AIR CUSHION FOR COMFORT, OF COURSE!
OI! KEEP AWAY FROM THOSE!

THEY'RE OFF...
GO FOR IT, RAY!

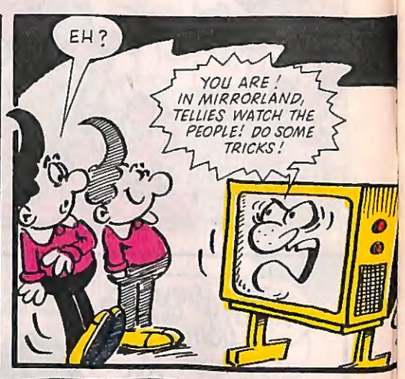
SO, WHERE IS THAT POSER?

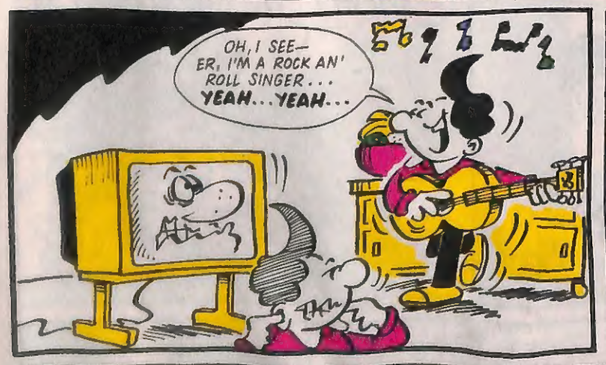
HE HASN'T GOT OUT OF ALL THAT GEAR YET!

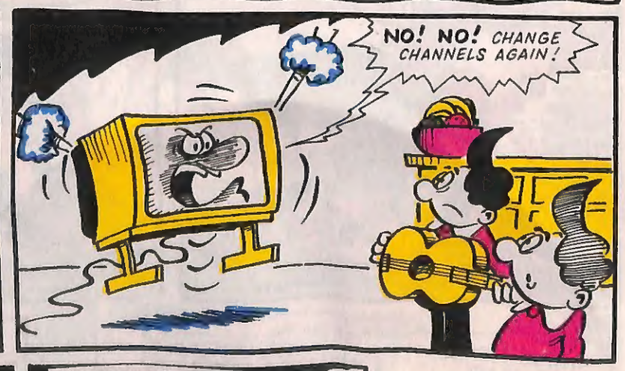
NOW HE'S TRYING TO GET HIS AIR CUSHION TRAINERS ON!

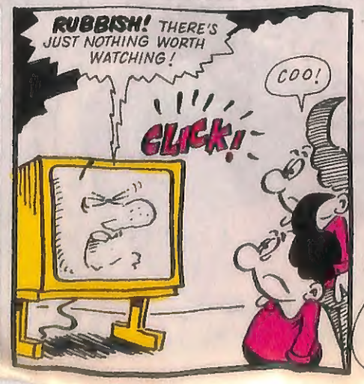
COUNTRY RACE
START & FINISH LINE
HA, HA! WHAT A LAUGH! HE TOOK SO LONG GETTING READY, THE RACE IS OVER AND RAY'S WON!

Melvyn's MIRROR

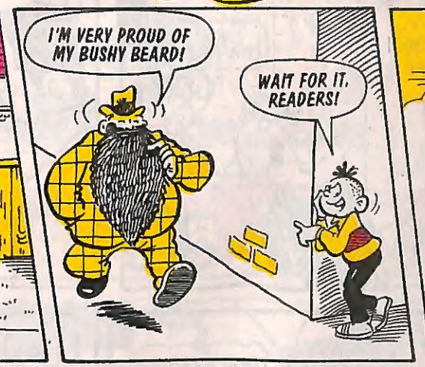


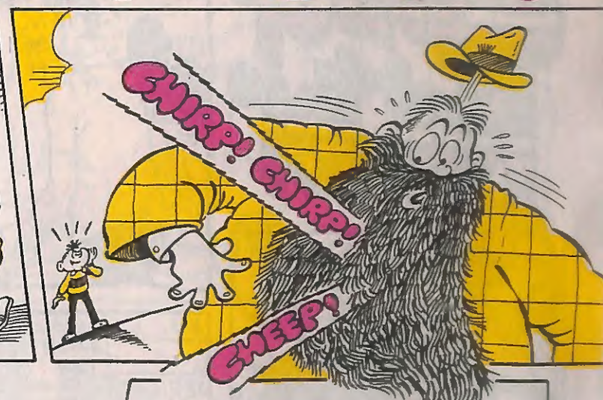


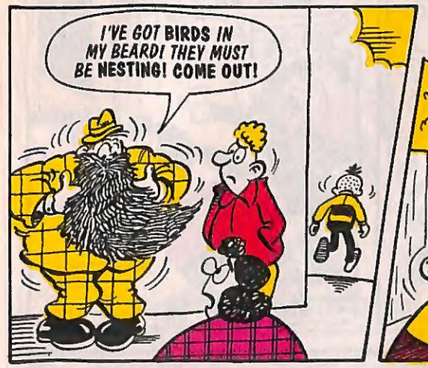


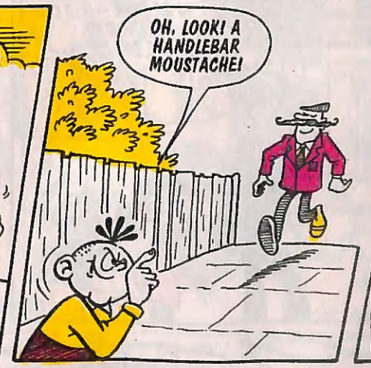


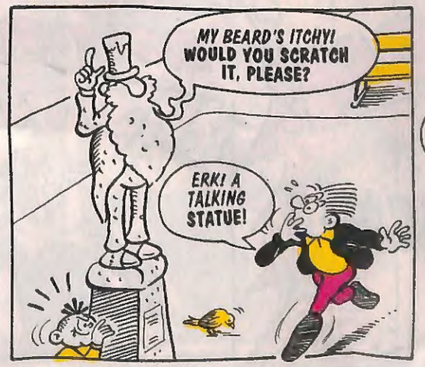
MIGHTY MOUTH

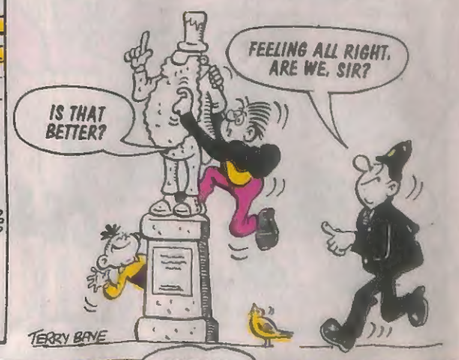




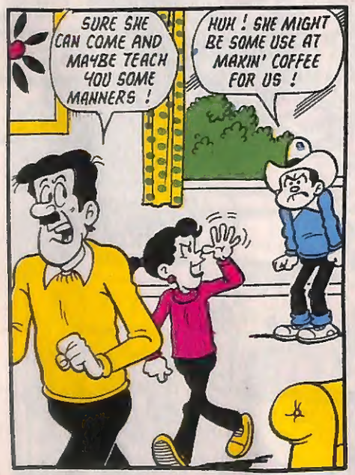


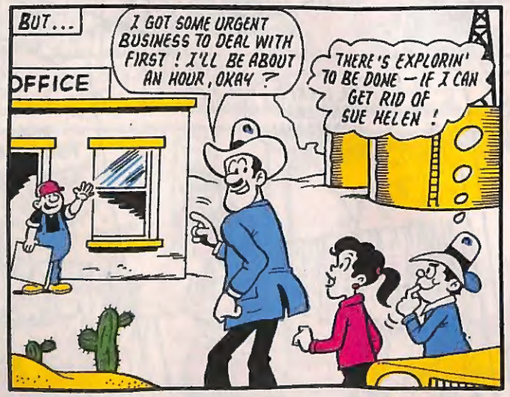


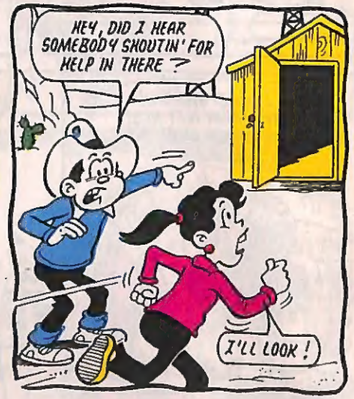


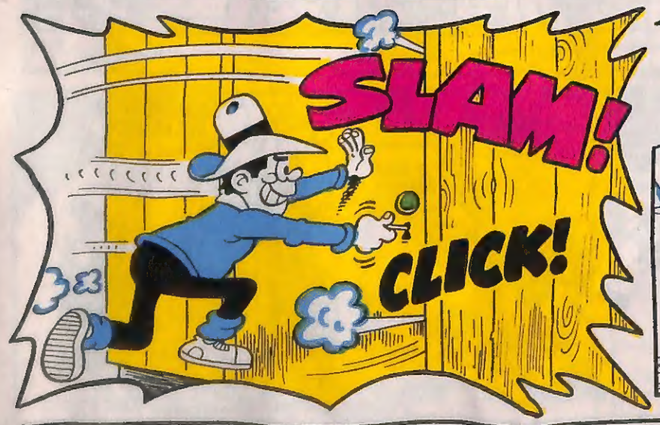


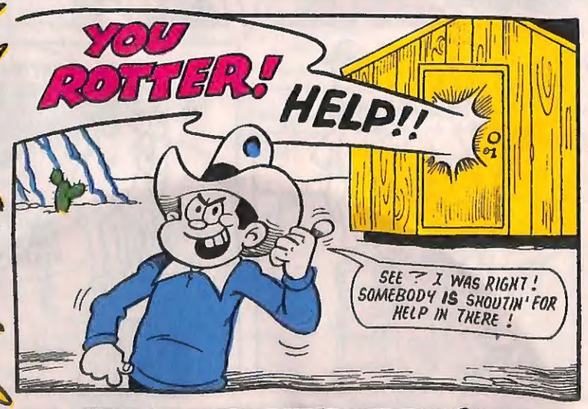
Little Rotter

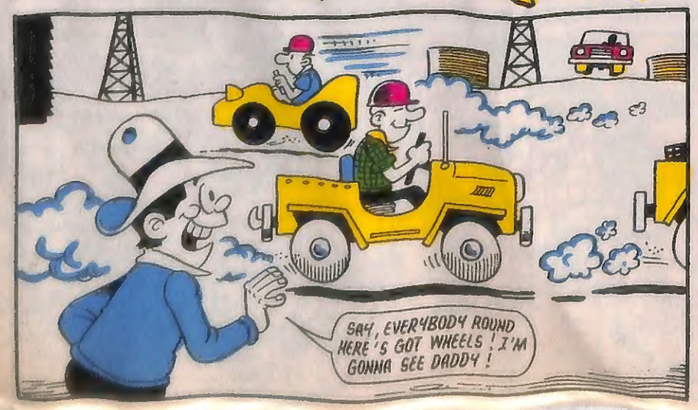


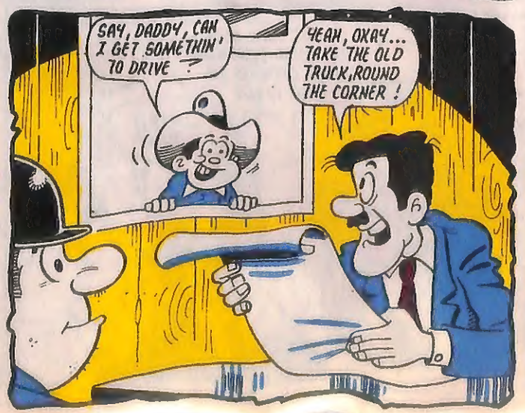


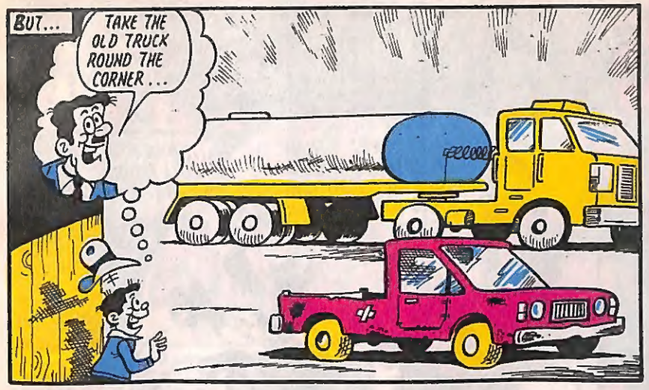


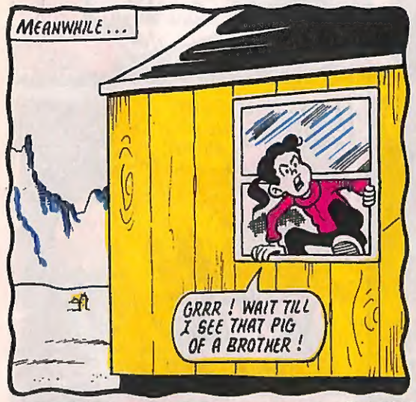


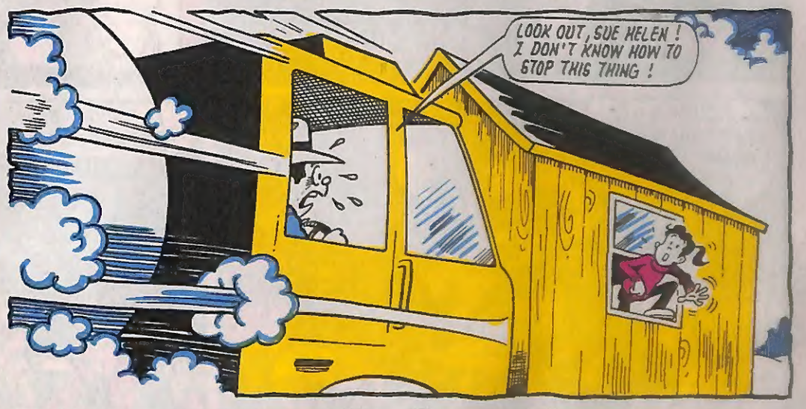


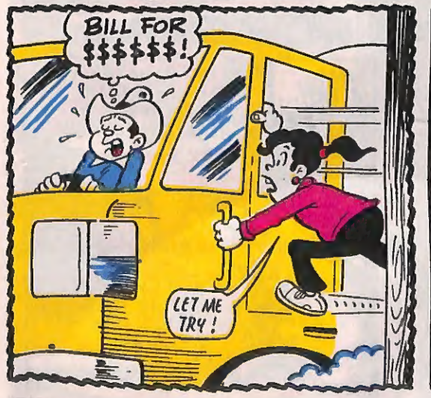


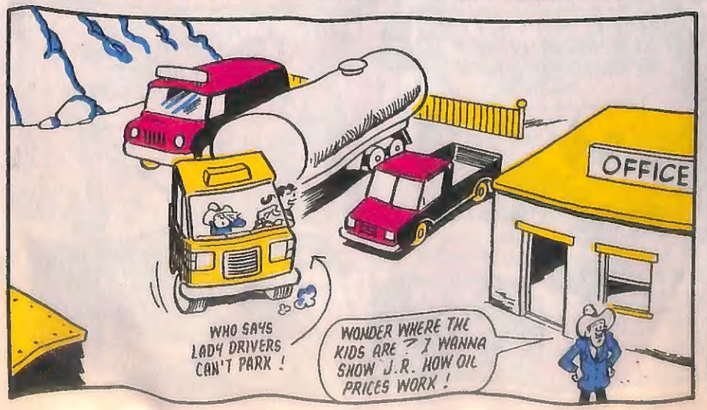


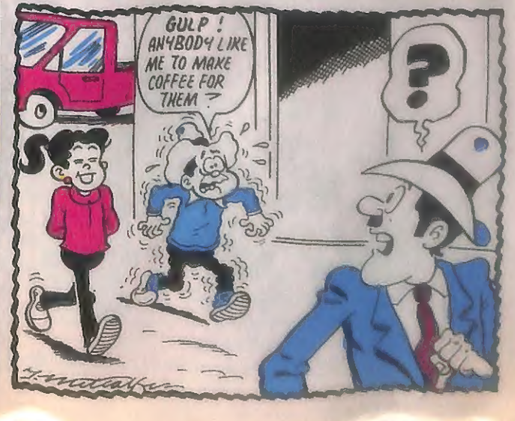












BOBBY'S GHOUL

BOBBY, IT WAS VERY KIND OF YOU TO LET MY EX-BOYFRIEND, WILLY WERE-WOLF, COME WITH US TO THE FAIR... BUT THERE'S NO FULL MOON UNTIL NEXT WEEK... SO THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF HIM CHANGING INTO A SAVAGE WERE-WOLF!

NOW IT'S TIME WE WENT BACK TO OUR CASTLE!

AW! NOT YET, GHOUL... YOU BOTH MUST COME BACK HOME WITH ME AND HAVE A SNACK!

HOWL! THE FULL MOON! GRRR!

EEK! STOP, WILLY! THAT'S NOT THE FULL MOON! IT'S AN ESCAPED BALLOON!

GRRR! SNARL!

EE! SORRY, BOBBY! NO HARD FEELINGS!

THEN... NEARLY HOME...

HOWL! THE FULL MOON!

EEK! GERROFF, WILLY! THAT'S NOT THE FULL MOON! IT'S FATTY FOSTER THE LOCAL BUBBLE GUM NUT!

GRRR! SNARL!

AW, BOBBY! SORRY! ER! CAN I STILL COME HOME WITH YOU FOR A SNACK? YES?

HOME, AT LAST...

IN YOU COME, GHOUL AND WILLY... THERE'S NO FULL MOON IN HERE! ONLY SNACKS!

HOWL! THE FULL MOON!

AAARGH! THAT'S NOT THE FULL MOON, WILLY! IT'S MY GRANDPOP'S BALD HEAD!

GRRR! SNARL!

LATER...

PHEW! NO MORE SNACKS THANK YOU, BOBBY! MY TUM LOOKS LIKE THE FULL MOON!

CLIFF HANGER

IT'S TWO WEEKS SINCE THE EVIL SPIES LAST TRANSPORTED ME WITH THEIR MATTER TRANSMITTER TO TRY OUT ONE OF THEIR FIENDISH TRAPS!

THEY MUST BE DUE TO STRIKE AGAIN AT ANY MOMENT - I HOPE!

YOU SEE, WE'VE GOT A MATHS EXAM TODAY --- AND WITH ANY LUCK, THEY'LL ZAP ME RIGHT OUT OF IT!

SCHOOL

BUT, AS TIME PASSED ~~

GROOGH! THIS IS TERRIBLE! COME ON, SPIES, WHERE ARE YOU?

SEVERAL HOURS LATER ~~

SCHOOL

PAH, THEY DIDN'T STRIKE TODAY, AFTER ALL! JUST MY LUCK!

ZAP!

HUH! NO WONDER THEY'RE CALLED EVIL SPIES! THEY ACTUALLY WAITED 'TIL THE EXAM WAS OVER!

HMM, I SEEM TO BE IN SOME SORT OF WAREHOUSE! THE DOOR IS LOCKED AND THAT WINDOW IS TOO HIGH TO REACH, EVEN BY CLIMBING ON THE BOXES!

SUDDENLY ~~

YIKES! WATER IS POURING FROM THIS HOLE!

GUSH!

ERK! I CAN'T SWIM! HELP, READER -- WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

POUR!

SPONGES

WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT CLIFF SHOULD DO, READER? TICK ONE BOX BELOW:

- [ ] A STOP THE WATER BY STICKING HIS FINGER IN THE HOLE?
- [ ] B USE THE SPONGES TO SOAK UP THE WATER?
- [ ] C LET THE WATER FILL THE ROOM?

NOW TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE AND SEE IF YOUR ADVICE PAID OFF!

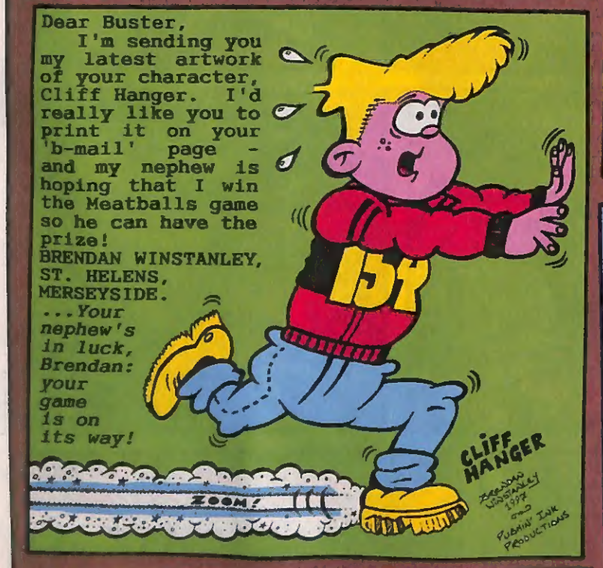
Continuing our early CLIFF HANGER adventures, this was the FOURTH episode, first published in 1983. Sharp-eyed readers will have noticed a MISTAKE in this issue's story. In the final picture, Cliff says "Erk! I can't swim!" But, back in the first episode (see Buster 20 Jan 98), Cliff started swimming from a sinking island, and in the second episode (3 Feb 98) he was shown diving into the sea! Maybe the Evil Spies have now used an AMNESIA ray to make Cliff FORGET that he can swim!

BUSTER COMIC, P.O.BOX 164, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX CM1 3XB

£2-00 FOR EACH WINNER

b-mail

Dear Buster,
I'm sending you my latest artwork of your character, Cliff Hanger. I'd really like you to print it on your 'b-mail' page - and my nephew is hoping that I win the Meatballs game so he can have the prize!
BRENDAN WINSTANLEY, ST. HELENS, MERSEYSIDE.
...Your nephew's in luck, Brendan: your game is on its way!



Pen Pal

Dear Buster,
I've read Buster since I was five and I'm eight now! I think you're the best comic in the universe! I'd love a pen pal aged 8, 9 or 10. I have a dog, 7 cats and a goldfish.
RACHEL CAREY, BALLYCURRIN, OWER, COUNTY GALWAY, IRELAND.

BATTY BOOKS

- SWIMMING THE CHANNEL by FRANCIS NEARE
- LOUD AND CLEAR by MIKE ROFONE
- GARDENING FOR ALL by DAFFY DILL
- DO IT YOURSELF by ANDY GUY
- THE CATTLE RUSH by STAN PEDE
- DESERT CROSSING by I. RHODA CAMEL

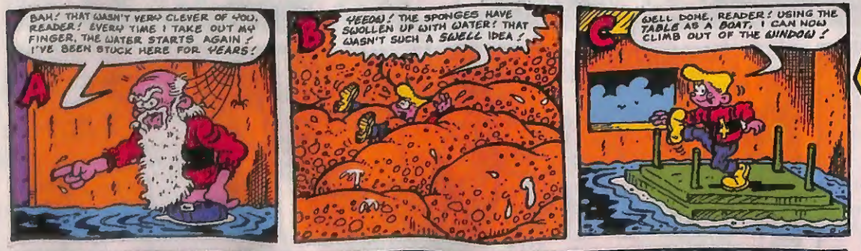
Dear Buster,
I read your comic all the time and never miss an issue. Could you please print my "Batty Books"? Also, could you please bring back "Adam Adman" as it was one of my favourite strips.
ANN MAGNIER, BLACKROCK, CO. LOUTH.
...No sooner asked than done, Ann! We're printing this Adam Adman strip on the next page just for you!

Dear Buster
Please could you print my picture of Mighty Mouth that I did on my computer.
Roderic green, Singleton, Chichester, W.Sussex

Buster Beat

I reckon Buster is the best,
In comic land it beats the rest.
It's definitely the funniest comic around
And it only costs just over a pound!
My mummy thinks it's worth the lolly
'Cause it keeps her dear son jolly!

Thomas Price, St Columb major, cornwall.



CLIFF HANGER

WHAT ADVICE DID YOU GIVE?

BUSTER BONUS!

COMPUTER GAMES

Thanks to CAMPBELL'S, makers of CAMPBELL'S MEATBALLS and HOT DOGGERS, every reader with an item included in this issue's *b-mail* will receive an ace hand-held electronic LCD Meatballs game, in addition to the regular £2 pocket-money prize!

Buster birthdays

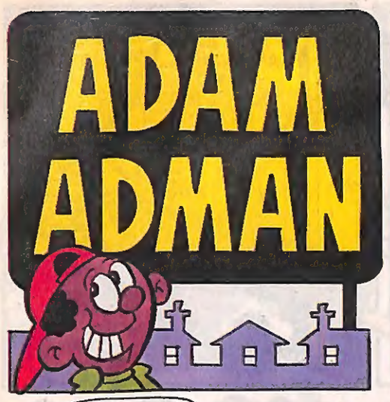
18 FEB: Richard Brown (age 13), Shoeburyness, Essex.
26 FEB: Danielle Greagsbey (age 14), Westgate-on-Sea, Kent.
2 MAR: Christopher Rosewarne (age 10), Staple Hill, Bristol.

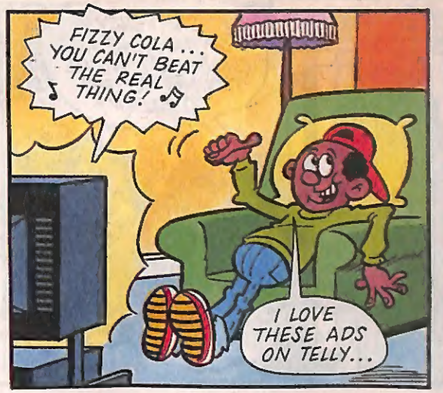
PLEASE FILL IN AND SEND THIS COUPON WHENEVER YOU WRITE TO *BUSTER*.

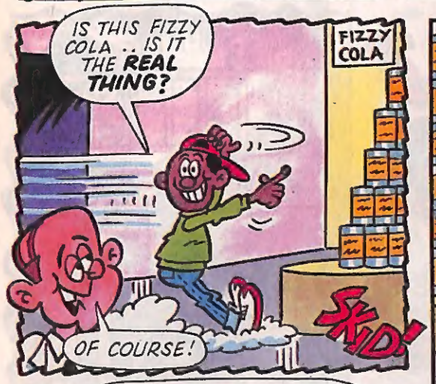
MY TOP 3 *BUSTER* STRIPS:
1 .....
2 .....
3 .....
MY *LEAST* FAVE STRIP:
.....

Published fortnightly by Egmont Fleetway Ltd., Egmont House, 25/31 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SU. ISSN 0262 396X. BUSTER must not be sold at more than the recommended selling price shown on the cover. Sole agents: Newsagents Direct Distribution Pty. Ltd. (Australia) and Network Distributors, Ltd. (New Zealand). South Africa, Central News Agency Ltd. All rights reserved and reproduction without permission strictly forbidden. Origination by Jade Reprographics. Printed by BPC Magazines (Milton Keynes) Ltd., a member of the British Printing Company Ltd. Distributed by Seymour, Windsor House, 1270 London Road, Norbury, London SW16 4DH. Tel: 0181 679 1899 (Customer Services).
©Egmont Fleetway Ltd., 1996.

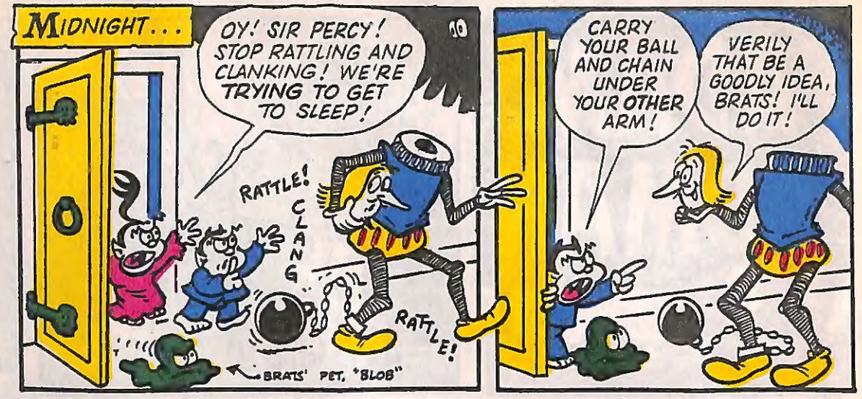
ADAM ADMAN

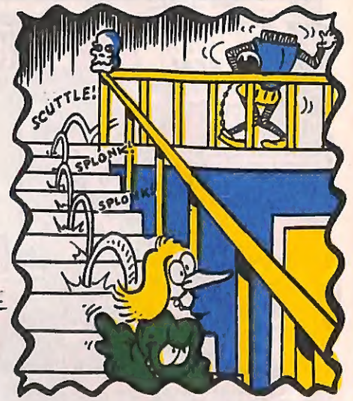


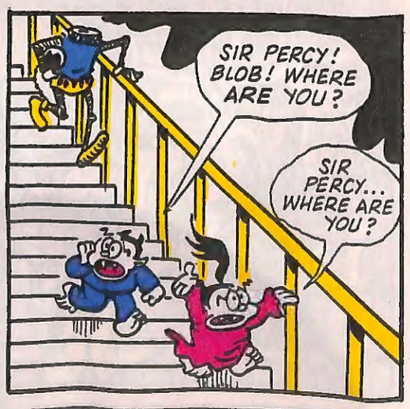


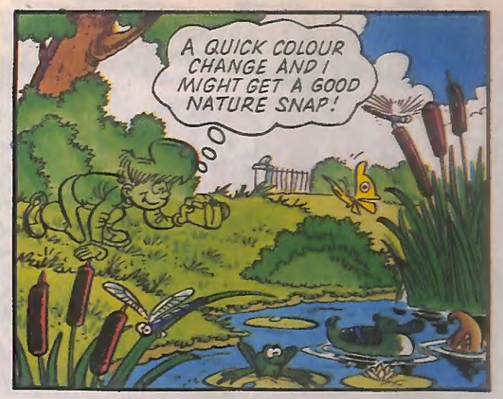


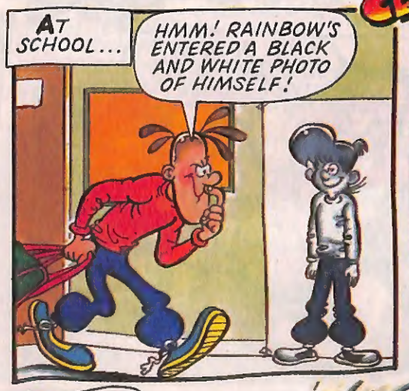
The Vampire Brats

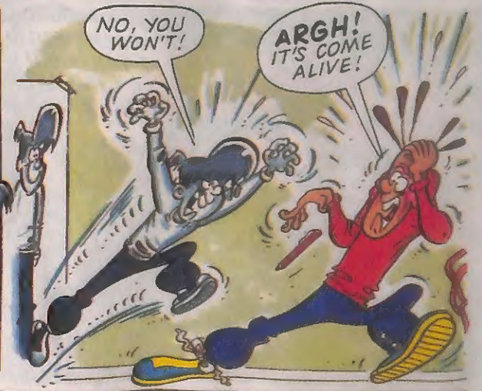


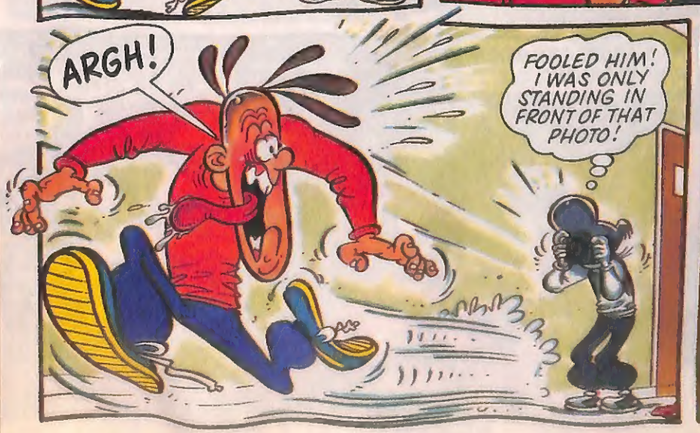












THE CRAZIEST CHARACTERS ARE ALWAYS IN BUSTER COMIC !

STUPID STREET

HAPPY IS THE MAN WHO'S TROUSERS ARE FULL OF GRAVY.

DAD! WHAT HAPPENED?

THE BOSS GAVE ME THE **SACK** FROM WORK, DUDLEY!

BUS

SPUDS

AND WE'VE A MOUNTAIN OF BILLS TO PAY!

YOU'LL HAVE TO DO ODD JOBS TO EARN SOME QUICK CASH!

SO...

NEED ANY ODD JOBS DOING, MRS. RIDICULOUS?

STONKA STREET

I CERTAINLY DO!

AND WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED HOOVERING THE ELEPHANT, THE SNAKE WANTS A MANICURE!

HUM!

DO NOT OPEN TILL XMAS.

RAISINS

AND...

TAKE MY CABBAGES WALKIES!

ODD JOBS? YEESH!

YIBBER!

LATER...

HOW'S IT GOING, DAD?

HANG ON, I'VE NEARLY FINISHED **PRUNING** THESE BUSHES!

BACON.

PRUNES

SPLOT

SCOOSH!

CUSTARD

NOW I'VE GOT TO CUSTARD THE LAWN CLERK!

DON'T BUTTER YOUR WHIPPETS.

I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE... I **CAN'T**!

YIBBER! YABBER! YUBBEROONY! etc.

ASSORTMENT

COOL IT! I'VE GOT A PLAN!

SCISSORS

NEVER READY

WE'LL GO BACK IN TIME AND STOP YOU GETTING THE SACK AT THE OFFICE!

HOW?

NOSE

BUZZZ!

WHEN I WAS MAKING A SANDWICH, I FOUND A **TIME WARP** IN THE BREAD BIN!

BELCH!

WHAT LUCK!

IN THE BREAD BIN...

WE'LL GO BACK TO JUST BEFORE YOU GOT SACKED!

KELLEHER + CUMMINGS

MUSICAL TOILETS DESIGNERS

10-30 AM YESTERDAY.

HULLO!

WE'RE HERE! JUST BEFORE I TRIPPED OVER THE CARPET AND SPILT COFFEE ON THE BOSS!

IT'S SIMPLE THEN!

CHEESE

THIS ISN'T A FRIDGE.

WE'LL REMOVE THE CARPET SO YOU DON'T TRIP UP THIS TIME!

BUT...

UH-OH! THE BOSS!

AAAGGHH!

MODEL Nº 53

FLIP!

ANOTHER SACKING!

DON'T WORRY! WITH THE TIME WARP WE CAN GO BACK AGAIN!

SPUDS

HOP!

AND AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN AND...

THAT DINOSAUR ATE THE OFFICE!

MUST'VE SLIPPED THROUGH THE WARP! CHANGING HISTORY IS NO PICNIC!

ROAR!

EXIT

YET MORE SPUDS

SILLYOSAURUS.

MERVYN

PICNIC? TIME WARP? POTATOES? **THAT'S IT**! FORGET YOUR JOB, WE'RE IN BUSINESS!

WHAT SORT OF BUSINESS?

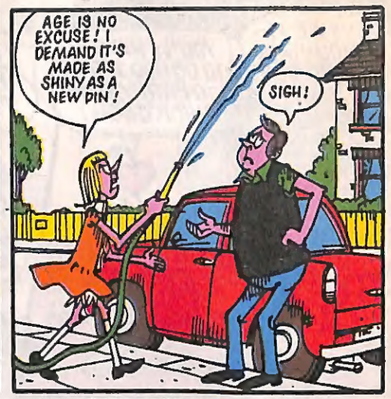
IT'S WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL A **PAST** FOOD RESTAURANT HEH, HEH!

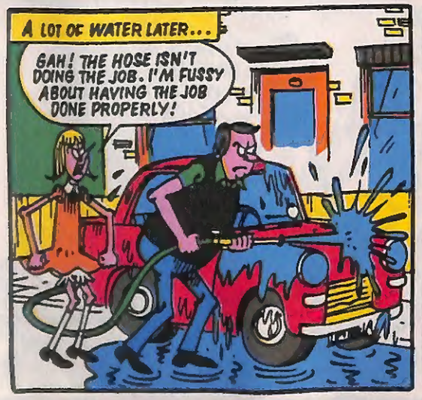
CHIPS

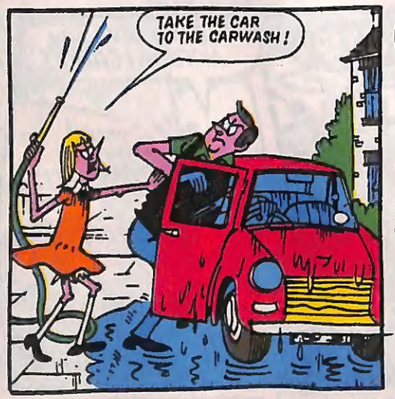
BATTLE OF HASTINGS

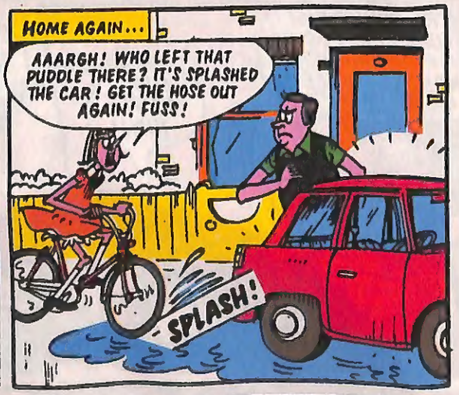
WE'LL MAKE A FORTUNE AT THESE BIG EVENTS!

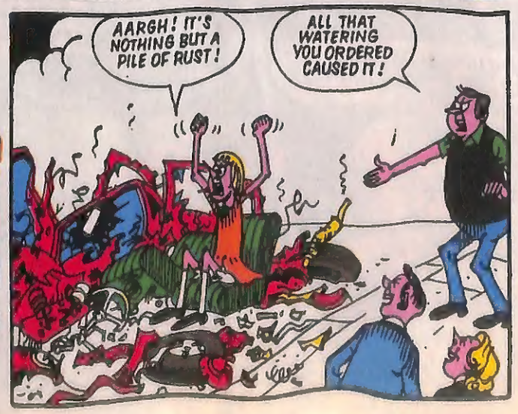
FUSS POT



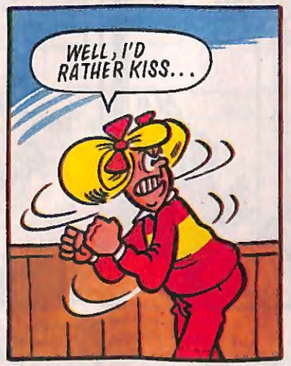




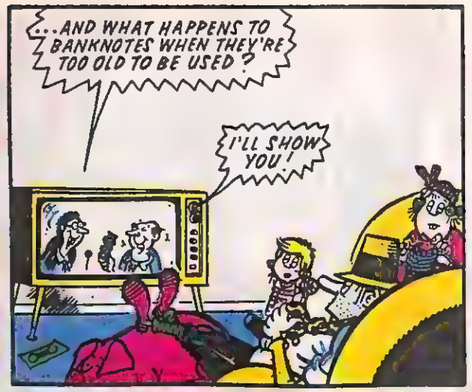


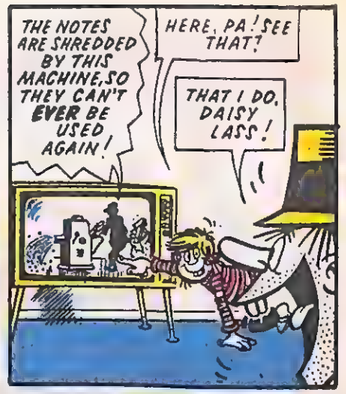


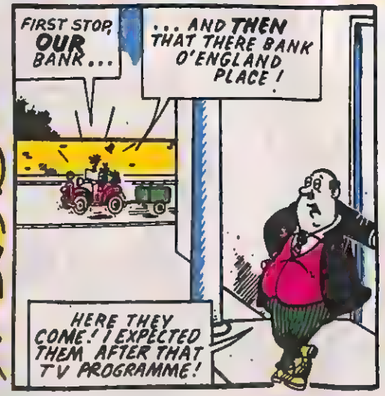
DOUBLE TROUBLE

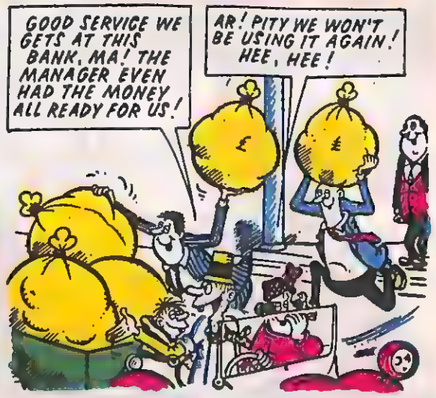


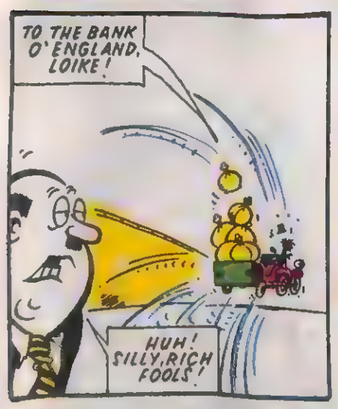
The BUMPKIN BILLIONAIRES

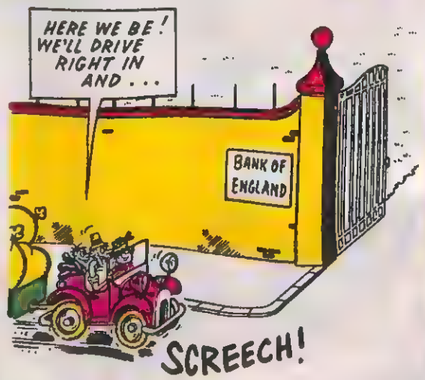


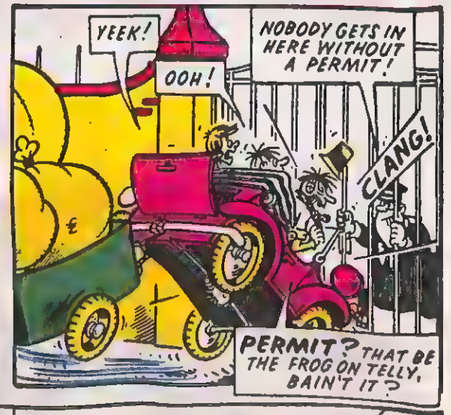


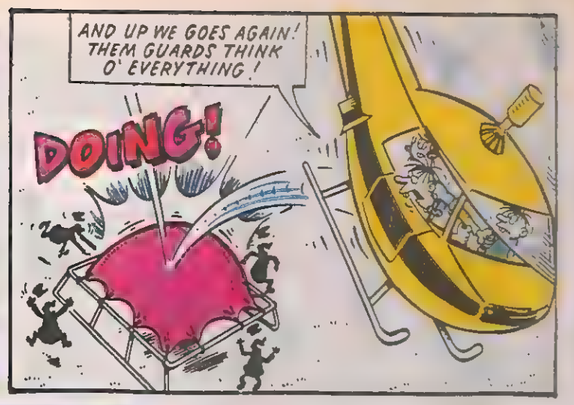


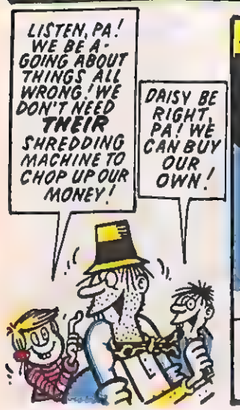


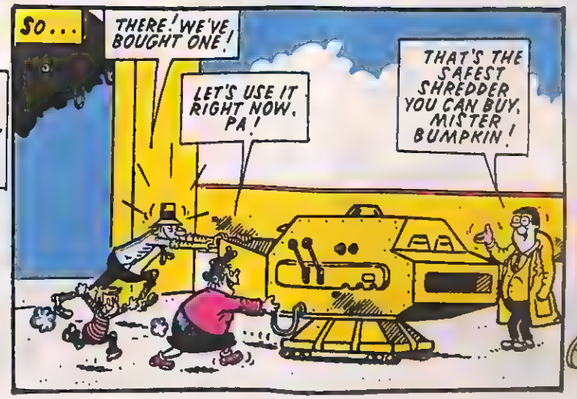


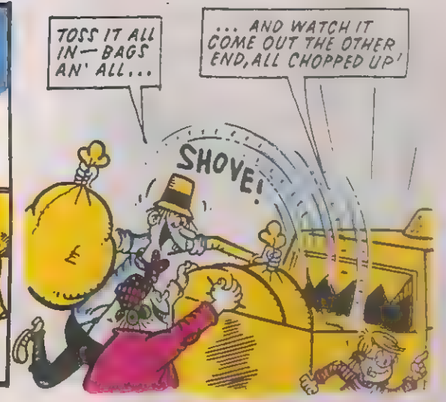


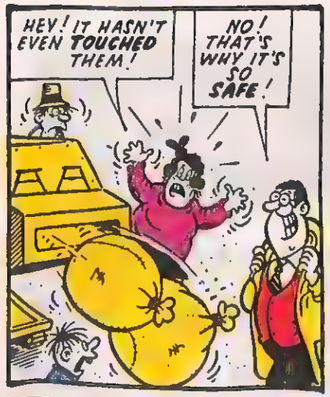


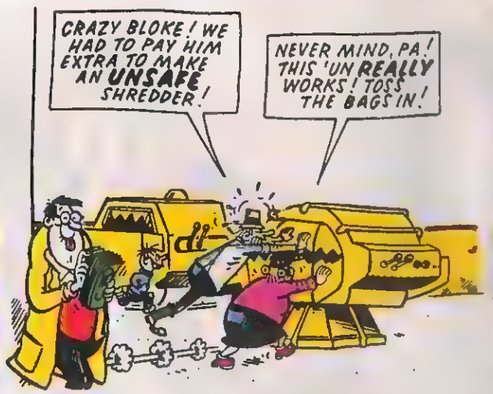


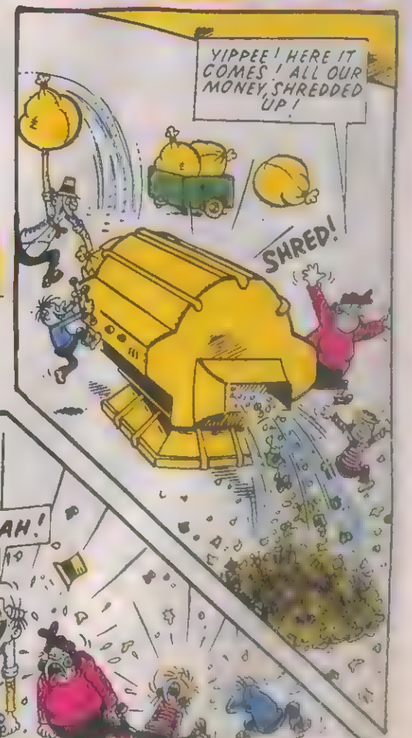


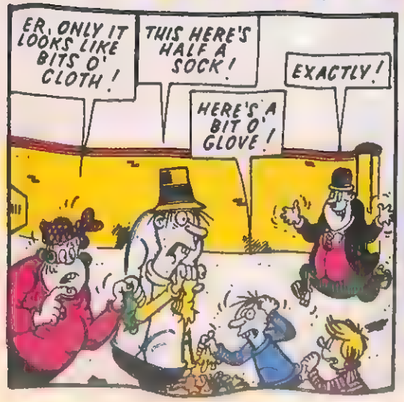


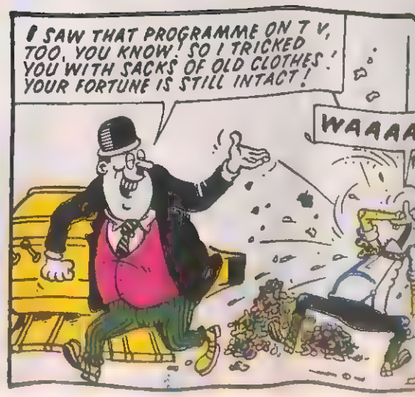




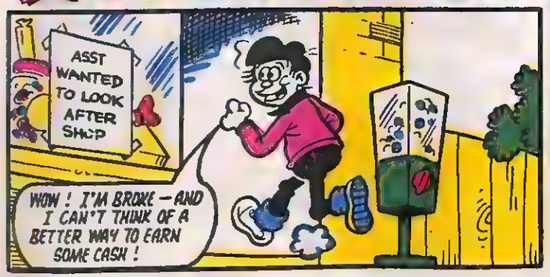


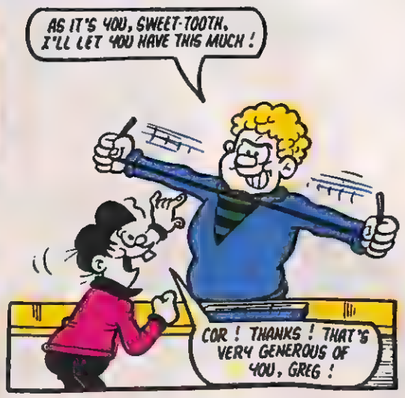


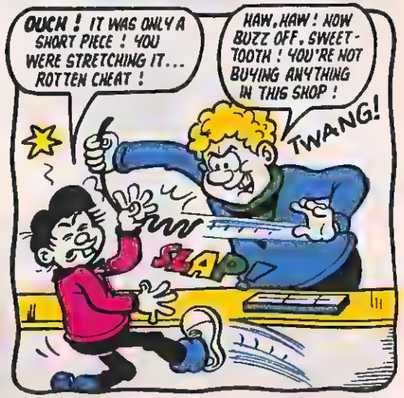


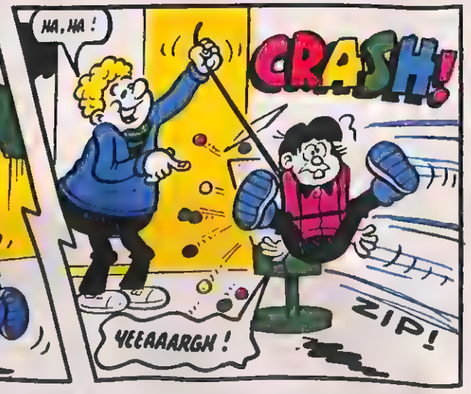


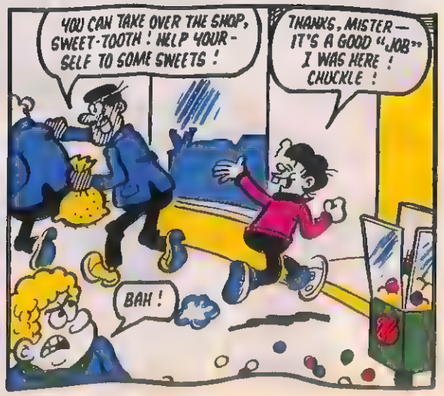
SWEET-TOOTH







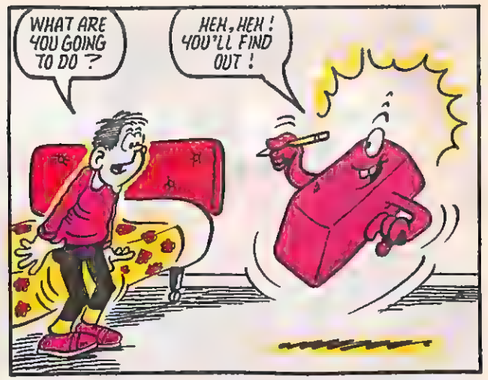




MAINLY BRAINSLY

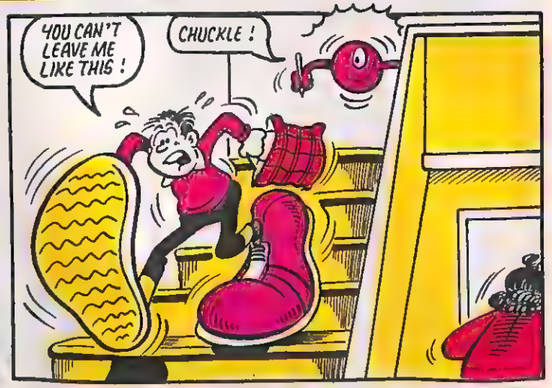
Odd-BALL

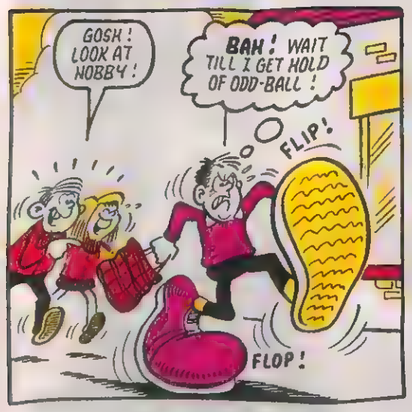
I'M BORED, ODD-BALL!
HEY! THIS BOOK HAS GIVEN ME AN IDEA!
HOW TO DRA


WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
HEH, HEH! YOU'LL FIND OUT!

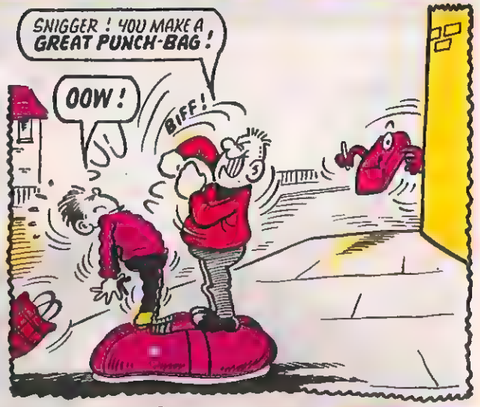
ERK!
DON'T WORRY, NOBBY! I'LL DRAW YOU SOME NEW FEET!
RUB!

JUST THEN...
NIP ALONG TO THE SHOP FOR ME, NOBBY!
ALL RIGHT, MUM!


YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME LIKE THIS!
CHUCKLE!

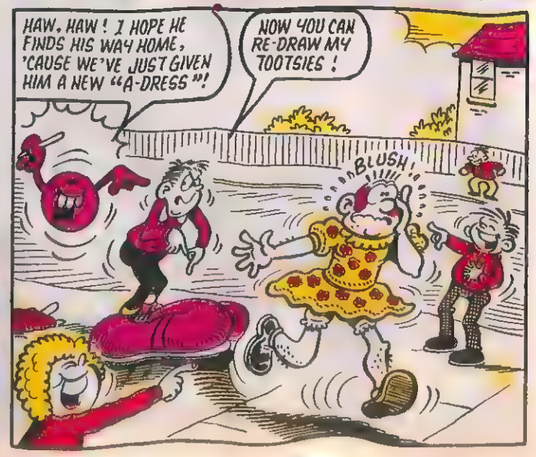

GOSH! LOOK AT NOBBY!
BAH! WAIT TILL I GET HOLD OF ODD-BALL!
FLIP!
FLOP!

JUST THEN...
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FEET?
UH-OH! IT'S 'WHAMMO' WATSON!

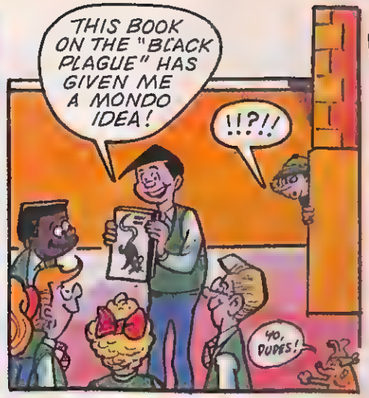

SNIGGER! YOU MAKE A GREAT PUNCH-BAG!
OOW!
BIFF!

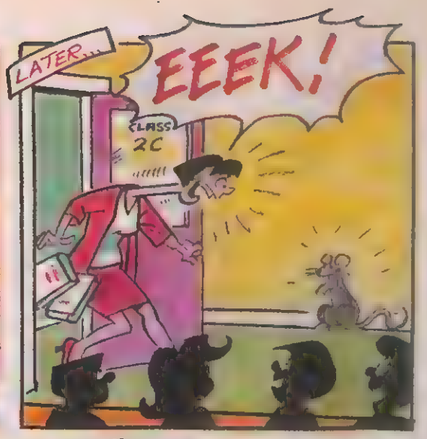
BUT...
STOP THAT!
EH?
RUB!

NOW WHAT'S HE DOING?
WAIT AND SEE!
TERRY B.


HAW, HAW! I HOPE HE FINDS HIS WAY HOME, 'CAUSE WE'VE JUST GIVEN HIM A NEW "A-DRESS"!
NOW YOU CAN RE-DRAW MY TOOTSIES!
BLUSH!

Chalky
I'M QUICK ON THE DRAW!


THIS BOOK ON THE "BLACK PLAGUE" HAS GIVEN ME A MONDO IDEA!
!!?!!
YO, DUDES!


LATER...
EEEK!
CLASS 2C

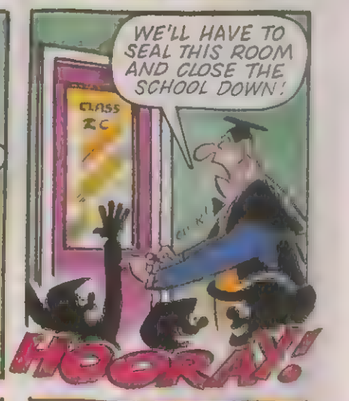
SHE'S GONE TO GET THE HEAD-MASTER!
I'LL RUB IT OFF SO THEY WON'T KNOW IT WAS JUST A DRAWING!
RUB!
CLASS 2C

IT WAS HORRIBLE!
I'LL 'PHONE THE PEST CONTROL PEOPLE!
CLASS

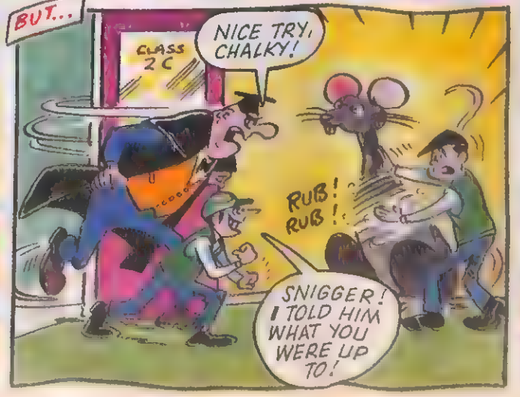
SO...
WE'LL SOON SORT 'EM OUT!
IT'S OKAY—THE "RATBUSTERS" ARE HERE!

AAAAAGGGHHH!

IT'S TOO BIG FOR US!
YOU NEED THE ARMY, MATE!


WE'LL HAVE TO SEAL THIS ROOM AND CLOSE THE SCHOOL DOWN!
CLASS 2C
HOORAY!

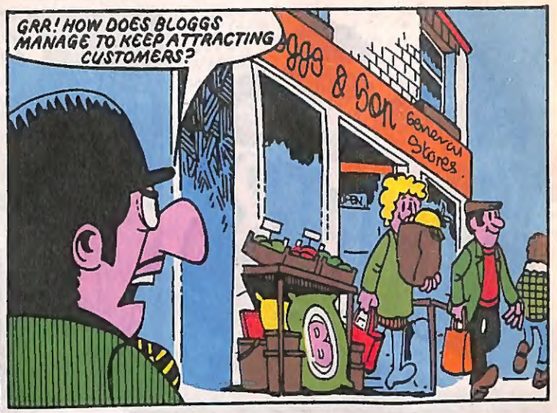
I'LL RUB THAT DRAWING OFF SO THE HEAD WON'T SUSPECT IT WAS ME!
HE'S THINKING AHEAD!


BUT...
CLASS 2C
NICE TRY, CHALKY!
RUB! RUB!
SNIGGER! I TOLD HIM WHAT YOU WERE UP TO!

BAH! IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PERFECT IF "SNEAKY" SIMPSON HADN'T RATTED ON ME!
VE TENTION

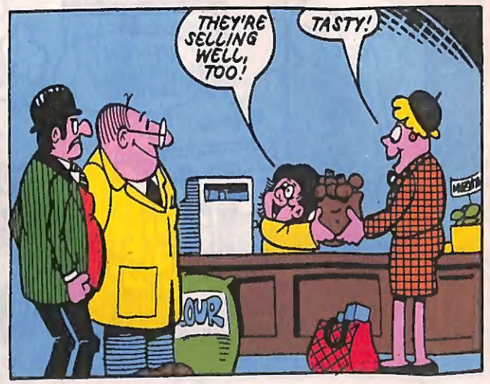
SCHOOL BELLE
I'M ALWAYS WATCHING YOU PLAY FOOTBALL! BUT NOW I ASK YOU TO WATCH ME PLAY HOCKEY... YOU TELL ME YOU'VE GOT TO VISIT YOUR GRAN!
JAB!
JAB!
LISTEN, BELLE, I CAN STILL SEE YOU PLAY! THIS RICH NURK HAS VOLUNTEERED TO FILM YOUR GAME WITH HIS CAMCORDER! RIGHT, NURK?
ER... YES!
DING!
THEN TONIGHT YOU CAN COME ROUND TO MY PLACE AND WE'LL WATCH THE VIDEO TOGETHER!
OOOH! GREAT! SEE YOU TONIGHT! 'BYE!
ACTION...
WHIRR!
WHIRR!
KNOW YOUR NURKS
CRISPIN CRUET ASKED A GIRL FOR A DATE
1066
THAT EVENING...
RIGHT, BELLE... COMFY? LET'S SWITCH ON THE BIG GAME...
CLICK!
OOH! HE ONLY FILMED LEGS AND HOCKEY STICKS! I'M GOING!
NEXT DAY...
LOOK AT HIM "LEG" IT! HA, HA!
GRR! COME HERE, YOU VIDEO NASTY NURK!
The WINNERS
WE'VE WON AN EXERCISE MACHINE!
AWESOME!
SO...
WHEN IT RAINS I CAN TAKE THE DOG FOR A WALK, AND KEEP DRY!
YOUR DAD'S NO FOOL!
UH-OH! WATCH IT DAD, HE'S...
FIZZ!
CRACKLE!
BANG!
BAH! STUPID ANIMAL CAUSED A SHORT CIRCUIT!
LATER...
IT'S FIXED, MR WINNER!
GOOD! I'M GOING TO USE IT TO TRAIN FOR THE MARATHON ROAD WALK!
LATER...
I'LL BE UP LATER! I'VE ONLY GOT ANOTHER FIVE MILES TO GO!
ALL RIGHT, DEAR! 'NIGHT!
BUT...
YIKES THE "OFF" SWITCH IS BUST!
SNORE!
SNORE!
HELP!
NEXT MORNING...
GROAN! PULL... THE... PLUG... OUT!
GASP!
WHIRRR!
NEVER MIND, DAD! YOU CAN ALWAYS WIN HALF THE MR. UNIVERSE CONTEST! HAW, HAW!
BAH!

STORE WARS

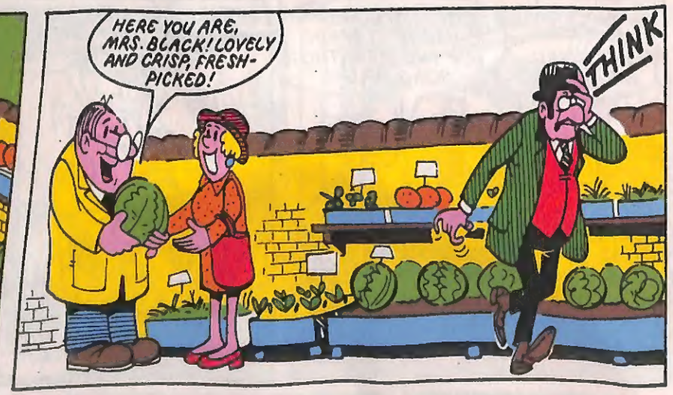

GRR! HOW DOES BLOGGS MANAGE TO KEEP ATTRACTING CUSTOMERS?
Bogg & Son General Stores

HIS SHOP'S SUCH A DUMP! HE'S EVEN GOT FUNGUS GROWING IN THE BACKSHOP!
BACK SHOP

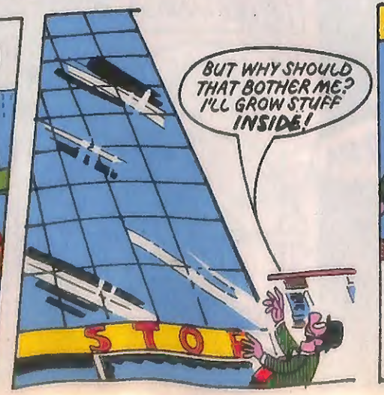
OPEN YOUR EYES, MR. SUPERSTORE! THEY'RE MUSHROOMS! TED AND I HAVE BEEN GROWING THEM IN THE BACK-SHOP!


THEY'RE SELLING WELL, TOO!
TASTY!

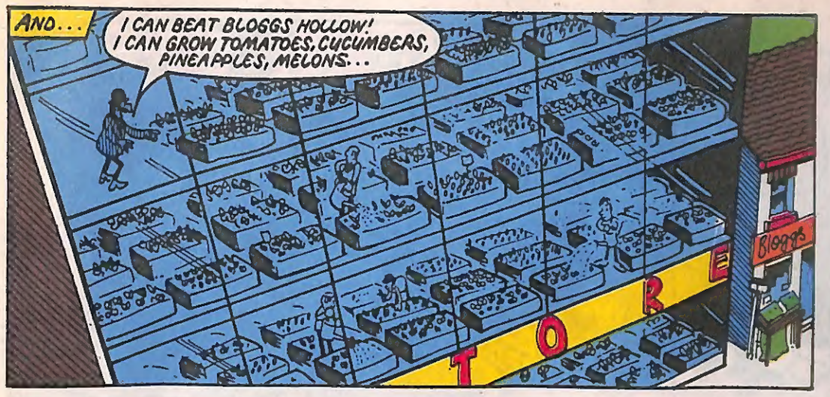
AND WE'RE SELLING FRESH SALADS, AS WELL... GROWN IN OUR OWN BACKYARD!


HERE YOU ARE, MRS. BLACK! LOVELY AND CRISP, FRESH-PICKED!
THINK

HUH! NO SPACE TO GROW FRESH FOOD BEHIND MY SUPERSTORE!
SUPERSTORE
DELIVERIES

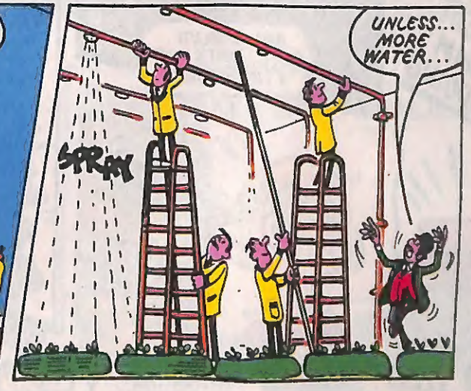

BUT WHY SHOULD THAT BOTHER ME? I'LL GROW STUFF INSIDE!

AND...
THAT'S IT! MY WHOLE SUPERSTORE CAN NOW BECOME A GIANT GREENHOUSE!
MOOK

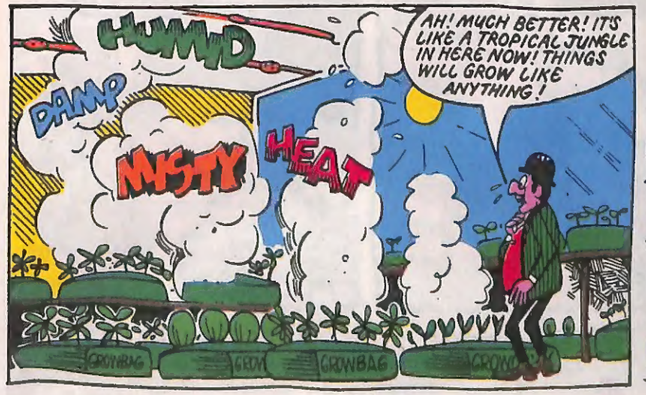

AND...
I CAN BEAT BLOGGS HOLLOW! I CAN GROW TOMATOES, CUCUMBERS, PINEAPPLES, MELONS...
TOMATOES
Bloggs

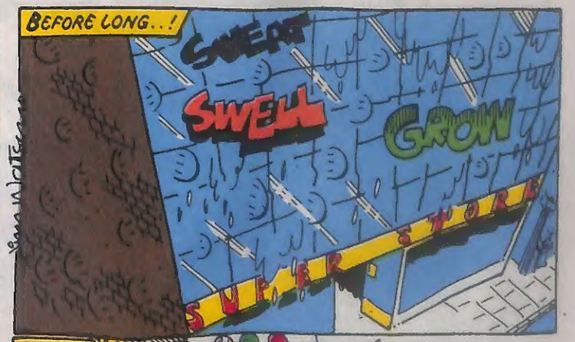
...BUT THEY'LL TAKE A WHILE TO GROW!

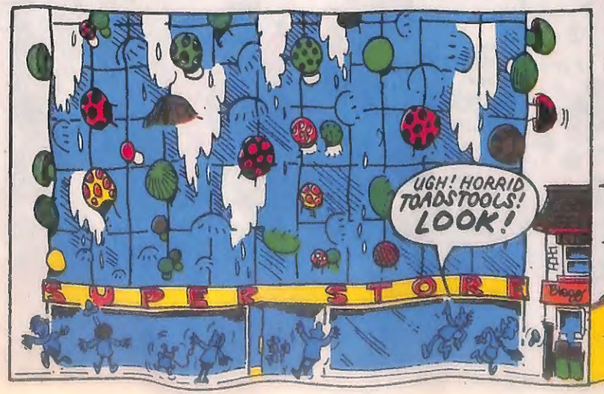
AND MEANTIME, BLOGGS WILL STILL BE SELLING!


UNLESS... MORE WATER...
SPRAY

...MORE FERTILISER...
FERTILISER


HUMID
DAMP
MISTY
HEAT
AH! MUCH BETTER! IT'S LIKE A TROPICAL JUNGLE IN HERE NOW! THINGS WILL GROW LIKE ANYTHING!
GROWBAG
GROW


BEFORE LONG...!
SWELL
GROW


UGH! HORRID TOADSTOOLS! LOOK!
SUPER STORE

AND...
DRY ROT... WET ROT... FUNGI...! THIS PLACE WILL HAVE TO BE CONDEMNED UNLESS IMMEDIATE ACTION IS TAKEN!
GROAN!
POOR OLD MR. SUPERSTORE! ANOTHER OF HIS PLANS WENT BAD!

SWEENY TODDLER

LOOK AT ALL THESE BROKEN TOYS! IT'S DISGRACEFUL!

NAG! NAG!

NAG! WAG!

THEY'RE JUST NOT TOUGH ENOUGH FOR ME, MUM!

WALLOP! BLAMM! BADOING!

LITTLE LIMP LUNGS WHEEZING LIKE BURST BELLOWS!

PLONK

PLAY QUIETLY, SWEENY!

WELL, THIS IS THE LAST NEW TOY I BUY YOU, A CHILDPROOF PLONKA TRUCK!

CLOCK!

PLONK

DONG!

CLENCH!

CLENCH!

CHILDPROOF, EH? ME LUVS A CHALLENGE!

AHH, ABSOLUTE QUIET... THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR!

UTTERLY UN-SWEENY-LIKE SILENCE!

KA-BOOM!

RRRIPP!

WELL, IT'S DYNAMITE-PROOF!

SIZZLE! SMOULDER!

SMOKY REEK OF BADLY-SINGED TUFTS OF FUR!

PLONK

LATER...

PANT, PANT, PANT! ME'S TRIED EVERY-THING AN' IT STILL WON'T BREAK!

WHEEZE! GASP!

PLONK

THEN...

HELLO, I'M HOME!

PLOP!

MOGGY

AIEE!

SMASH!

PLONKA

ZWOOOOM!

VWUUMMMM!

BOTTLE!

NEE-EE-OWUMMM!

MANGLE! KRUNCH! SHATTER!

CLUMSY TWIT!

OXTAIL SOUP

SHAME!

MOAN! MUMP! GRUMP!

EVIL-SMELLING SPLADOOO!

TOM PATERSON

IT MAY BE TODDLER-PROOF, BUT IT'S NOT DAD-PROOF!

← Pretty colours filling an empty space.

Joker

HMM! THIS IS A TRICKY BIT! I MUST CONCENTRATE!

CLICK! CLICK!

SHRIEK!

CAUGHT YOU, MUM...

WHIRRR!

...JUST SORTING OUT A FEW OLD JOKES! SNIGGER!

CLICKETY-CLICK!

JOKES

THEN...

MUM'S CALMED DOWN AGAIN, SO...

PYOING!

TUG!

TEE, HEE!

HOOOOT!

YEEEEEEK!

JOKER! PUT THOSE T-T-THINGS AWAY!

AND...

OOH, THAT BOY! I'M ALL N-N-NERVES NOW!

SHAKE!

SHAKE!

CLICK!

CLICK!

HAW, HAW! WHAT A STATE THAT JUMPER'S GOING TO BE IN!

CLICK!

CLICK!

SHAKE!

SHAKE!

WELL, LAUGH THIS OFF... I'M KNITTING IT FOR YOU!

SHAKE!

SHAKE!

HERE! WEAR IT!

GULP!

SERVES HIM RIGHT! THE LITTLE KNIT!

SID GURSON

Beware of a Monster Offer

WIN A SCARY HOLIDAY OR A Goosebumps VIDEO.

You could win an instant prize of a scary holiday to the USA or one of 2000 videos. See pack for details. No purchase necessary. Closing date 6.9.98. © Mars 1998.™ & © 1998 Parachute Press, Inc. All rights reserved.